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## **NEWS RELEASE**

Dr. Ronald F. Bailey was charged today by Information¹ with one count of health care fraud, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. According to the information, defendant Bailey was employed as a behavioral specialist consultant ("BSC") with Chester County Regional Educational Services, Inc. ("CCRES"), which contracted with the Chester County Intermediate Unit ("CCIU") to provide staff to the CCIU. Bailey also allegedly worked as a BSC with Devereux from in or about July 2003 through January 2010. It is alleged that, as a BSC, defendant Ronald Bailey served as a consultant to the treatment team for Medicaid beneficiaries and worked in collaboration with them in order to design behavioral interventions and behavioral modification interventions through a written plan which was individualized to the child or adolescent and to the family's needs.

The information charges that defendant Bailey routinely prepared and submitted invoices to both CCRES and Devereux that were inflated and which falsely overstated the actual amount of time that Bailey spent with clients. Bailey allegedly forged signatures of parents of the Medicaid beneficiaries on the encounter forms he was required to submit in order to make it appear that the parents had agreed that he had actually spent the amount of hours listed on the forms. Bailey also allegedly prepared and submitted separate invoices to both CCRES and Devereux that, on many occasions, purported to reflect that he was at two different locations at the exact same time seeing different Medicaid beneficiaries. Relying on the fraudulent invoices submitted by Bailey, CCRES and Devereux allegedly issued checks to Bailey for the claimed services. It is alleged that the source of funds used to pay Bailey was the state Medicaid program. According to the information, the total amount of the fraudulent billings is \$164,640.

## INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Ronald F. Bailey	Chester Springs, PA	60

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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If convicted, defendant Bailey faces a maximum possible sentence of 10 years imprisonment, a three year period of supervised release, a \$250,000, mandatory restitution, criminal forfeiture and a \$100 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General and the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John J. Pease.

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